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Par 4 putting twist on beauty pageant

Par 4 Plastics will be hosting its Womanless Beauty Pageant this weekend. The company's employees have organized the event as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. This pageant will feature men from the plant – from the front office to the assembly line – dressed in drag. It will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at Fohs Hall. Admission will be \$5.



Missed days alter school calendar

Crittenden County schools were back in session Wednesday, running on a one-hour delay after missing seven consecutive days due to hazardous road conditions following a string of wintry weather events last week. Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said Tuesday that May 28 is now scheduled as the final day of school for students because of the days missed due to weather. The last day of classes and graduation were initially set for May 15.



Affordable health care an issue in Ky.

Having access to affordable health care is a problem for a large percentage of Kentuckians, according to a recent poll by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health. Data from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, funded by the two organizations, showed 22 percent of those surveyed said they or a family member in their home needed care at some point over the past 12 months but did not get care or delayed getting it because of cost. For those who did get medical care in the last year, 31 percent reported that they or a family member in their home had trouble paying a medical bill.

Ky. ranks 11th in U.S. for uninsured

On Tuesday, Gallup updated its report from last summer to measure rates of insured for all of 2014 and Kentucky shows the second greatest drop in the number of uninsured in the nation. In 2013, the state ranked 40th in the percentage of people who lacked health insurance, at 20.4 percent. In just one year, Kentucky dropped to 9.8 percent uninsured, moving it to 11th best in the country.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the library meeting room.
- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Tourism Center.



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County says no to mandatory garbage bins

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

The county has agreed to not make use of company-provided trash bins mandatory for residential customers of Freedom Waste Service in Crittenden County, despite the company's apparent preference for such.

At Friday's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court, rescheduled from Feb. 17 due to last week's winter storm, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presented magistrates with the county's proposed non-exclu-

sive solid waste franchise agreement with Freedom Waste for residential garbage collection. It spells out rules and fees for services, including a bump in monthly residential rates set by the company. But upon recommendation of the county's solid waste committee, it does not require homes serviced by Freedom Waste to use the company's receptacles.

By a 4-1 vote, magistrates approved the agreement, which included revisions to the Princeton-based busi-

ness' original contract proposal made in December.

Curt Buntin voted against approval and Magistrate Glenn Underdown was not present for Friday's meeting.

"I don't like the way they do business, and I don't like the way they treat their customers," said Buntin of the reason he voted against the proposal.

Buntin, himself, is a customer of Freedom Waste.

The contract, drawn up by County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, was based upon the preferences of the county's solid waste committee, but had not been agreed to by Freedom Waste at press time.

"It is going out tomorrow," Newcom said Tuesday of delivering the contract proposal. "We will see if they accept it as changed or if they decline."

However, Newcom said



Buntin

Hat trick



PHOTO BY ORVILLE TRUITT

Sheila Truitt of rural northern Crittenden County entertains a group of birds with a toboggan packed with seeds to attract the animals unable to feed on the ground because of several inches of snow dumped on the county last week. "We have lots of fun with our wildlife around here," said Truitt. "We enjoy taking pictures of all of them." Truitt said she likes seeing how close she can get to the birds, so she tells her husband, Orville, to give her 5 minutes and then come out with his camera. "It takes a lot of patience, but when I feel the flutter of wings beside my face, and the tiny touch on my cap when they light, I can't help but smile."

City council OKs zoning change to allow for building sales

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Marion City Council members on Monday unanimously agreed to rezone residential property on South Main Street to make way for a business.

The property that was rezoned from residential to commercial lies at 704 S. Main St., across from Holland Medical Services. Plans for the land are to sell storage buildings.

Lot owner Sheila Collins came before the Marion Planning Commission last month to request the change. The commission then recommended approval of the request to the city council. First reading of the ordinance changing the zoning designation was given at last month's

city council meeting.

The city council made quick work of the remaining agenda at Monday's special called meeting, introducing an amendment to the current ordinance that defines city burning laws, making appointments to a city commission and tentatively approving placement of a new street light. The session was wrapped up in 15 minutes.

The meeting was a make-up for the regular monthly assembly set for Feb. 16, which was cancelled after a winter storm earlier in the day dumped more than 10 inches of snow on parts of the county.

An amendment introduced to revise the city's code of ordinances regarding open

burning was merely a house-keeping measure, according to Mayor Mickey Alexander.

The alteration would strike language that appears to allow for fires to be set for disposal of household rubbish, not including garbage. However, state law prohibits the outdoor burning of "garbage or any other materials, except natural plant matter, such as brush and woody debris," according to the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources' website.

"The state law is more strict than ours," the mayor said. "Basically, you're not supposed to burn anything but

sticks and twigs. This is just cleaning up (our law) to get more in line with the state."

The state law supercedes local law, so burning of garbage was already illegal inside the city.

A final vote on amending the outdoor burning ordinance is expected next month.

Also on Monday, the council gave approval to install a new street light near the city limit along Chapel Hill Road, provided the requested location for the light actually rests within the city.

The light was requested by a nearby resident for safety and security reasons. The



Alexander

mayor said there are no other street lights near the requested location and that there probably needs to be one there. However, there was some question as to whether the requested location was within the city limit.

"We'll check it out before we do anything," said Alexander.

Finally, three appointments were made to Marion Tourism Commission.

Restaurateur Glenn Conger was OK'd to replace Melissa Tabor, who resigned her post on the commission. Conger will finish out the remainder of Tabor's term, which is up at the end of this year.

Re-appointed to three-year terms were Phillis Hardin and Mike Hamilton.



Enoch

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Students at Crittenden County High School are demonstrating a show of support for one of their own.

Currently, senior Jason Enoch is undergoing treatments for cancer. In an act of solidarity, Jason's classmates are showing their support by purchasing T-shirts designed on his behalf. All proceeds go toward travel expenses for Enoch's medical treatments.

In November, doctors diagnosed Enoch with osteosarcoma in his right tibia after a large knot appeared a few inches below the knee. Since that time, he has undergone several weeks of chemotherapy. As recently as last Friday, he underwent surgery at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., to remove the tumor and receive a bone transplant.

On Monday, Jason's mom, Pam Enoch, said the surgery last Friday went very well. Doctors removed the tumor and said the bone for the transplant couldn't have matched any better.

She said after he fully recovers from the surgery, he will resume chemotherapy treatments.

Pam said her son has maintained a positive attitude during his entire treatment. She expressed his disappointment in not being able to fully participate

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Community strong: County pulls together to weather winter storm

I would like to take this opportunity to extend gratitude to a large number of volunteers and employees who have provided acts of kindness during this most recent winter storm event.

Due to the volume of snow, extremely cold temperatures, sleet, freezing rain and rainfall last week, our county road crews have been working long hours in an attempt to provide safe passage for all of our citizens. This work has been accomplished with a



short-handed staff due to illnesses and with equipment that is less than reliable most times.

On behalf of the entire fis-

cal court, I am going to make an attempt to thank the many groups, organizations and individuals who have made a positive impact fighting this storm event and assisting those in need. This list may not be all-inclusive, and if anyone finds himself or herself being omitted, please accept our thanks for who you are and what you have done.

First, thank you for the assistance of Crittenden County Rescue Squad members who were able to deliver

needed medications to those trapped by the snow and for the assistance provided to our EMS staff attempting to reach areas that were impassable to our ambulances.

We are also thankful for the following::

- EMS workers who endured many long hours and being called in to cover shifts for those who couldn't make it in to work.

- Emergency dispatchers' patience in dealing with the onslaught of calls for assistance.

- The county road crew working all hours of the day and night with marginal equipment to clean our roads as best as possible.

- The many farmers and contractors who utilized their personal equipment to help clear roadways, parking lots and driveways.

- Crittenden County Emergency Management volunteers who helped coordinate relief efforts, meal deliveries and medication

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The next Crittenden County Food Bank distribution day is Friday

Distribution is from 8 a.m. until supplies are exhausted • 402 N. Walker St., Marion



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Senate moves bills in weather-abbreviated week

As record-setting snows gave way to record-setting cold temperatures across Kentucky, the state Senate continued to pass a flurry of bills during its fourth week in session – even though it was an abbreviated week.

While the weather forced us to remain in adjournment until last Thursday, we quickly got back to work passing legislation that would move Kentucky forward.

One of our goals has always been to provide students with the best educational opportunities possible and to prepare them for fulfilling careers. Senate Bill 16 does that while at the same time reflecting the digital age we are living in. There were concerns when this bill was introduced regarding substituting computer science as a foreign language curriculum. However, SB 16 as amended by Senate Committee Substitute, does not amend any KRS statutes related to foreign language curriculum requirements.

The approved measure would expand the focus of teacher academies beyond core content to include the “developing disciplines” of English, science, math,



computer science and world languages and include computer science as a content area eligible for the Teachers Professional Growth Fund. It would require the Council on Education Technology to address network capacity, technology laboratories and computer science education readiness in its Five-Year Master Plan and authorize grants from the Science and Mathematics Advancement Fund to school districts to develop and implement computer language and applications programs. It also amends state law relating to alternative certification of teachers, to include computer science expertise in the subject areas that qualify for certification of an adjunct instructor.

This bill would help more students prepare for careers in the lucrative software engineering field. According to

some estimates, more than a million software programming jobs will be unfilled by 2020.

On the health care front, we have passed legislation over the years that has reduced the colon cancer rate by more than 25 percent in Kentucky, but the state still leads the nation in that potentially deadly disease. We took steps last week to remove barriers to colorectal cancer screening. SB 61 would clarify that a fecal test to screen for colon cancer, and any follow-up colonoscopy, is preventive care and should be covered by medical insurers. Supporters said the legislation is necessary because insurers often do not pay their share for follow-up colonoscopies if blood is detected in preventive-care fecal testing.

Colon cancer can be stopped before it starts with preventative care. According to the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program, colon cancers almost always develop from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests find polyps so they can be removed before they change into cancer. Screening tests

also find colon cancer early – when treatment works best and the chance for a full recovery is very high. This measure would save lives and money. If SB 61 passes both chambers and is signed by Gov. Steve Beshear, it will be effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Medications are the most cost-effective treatment, and yet patients routinely miss doses, fail to refill a prescription or stop taking medications without consulting their provider. Nationally, half of the 3.2 billion annual prescriptions dispensed are not taken as prescribed, which translates to \$105 billion in avoidable health care costs each year. SB 44 would streamline and simplify the process to obtain and adhere to the prescriptions for Kentuckians with chronic conditions.

SB 44 amends existing prescription drug override and exception provisions for health benefit plans by requiring them to provide a program for synchronization of medications when the insured, a provider and a pharmacist agree that synchronization for treatment of a chronic illness is in the best interest of the

patient. Schedule II controlled substances and Schedule III controlled substances containing hydrocodone and medications with quantity limits would not be included in the program. It also requires the plan to apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to synchronized medications. SB 44 would result in healthier patients and a more effective delivery of care, which will, in turn, reduce health care costs.

SB 51 would expand a medical provider's duty to report a patient's threat of violence or harm to include those receiving outpatient mental health care. This measure is just another step in ensuring the health and safety of all Kentuckians, while still respecting the patient-provider relationship.

One of the most important mandates of government is ensuring equal justice for all. That is the goal of SB 49, which would redraw Kentucky's judicial districts for the first time in more than six decades to reduce backlogs of cases and ensure speedy justice for all.

Last Thursday, members of the Senate returned to

Frankfort and convened for two days, but the House chose not to return until Monday. Though we were able to move some legislation in those two days knowing that our time is limited before we are constitutionally required to conclude the session, the House effectively lost two days. I hope they returned this week ready to do the people's business.

Friday marked the halfway point of the session. Now it is more important than ever for you to share your input on issues before the General Assembly. People who want to give lawmakers feedback on issues under consideration can call the toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments may leave messages for lawmakers at the TTY message line at (808) 896-0305.

You can also e-mail me directly at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)

Statewide candidate visits town; slate set for 2015 election

STAFF REPORT

Headlining this year's statewide elections for constitutional offices in Kentucky will be the seven-way race for governor. But the first candidate to make an official campaign stop in Crittenden County was 31-year-old Ryan Quarles, a Republican hopeful for state agriculture commissioner.

Quarles, who just started his third term as Kentucky's State Representative for the 62nd District, which encompasses Owen County and portions Fayette and Scott counties. Quarles grew up in Scott County.

"He's a good guy, and I support him for ag commissioner," said Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion), who escorted Quarles around the county recently. "I think he'd be an excellent ag commissioner."

Quarles is also supported by current Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer, who is vacating the position and running for governor on the GOP ticket.

Quarles is a ninth-generation farmer, with agricultural roots dating back to 1780 when his family was issued a Revolutionary War land

grant. A member of 4-H and FFA as a youth, Quarles has experience in tobacco, row crop cultivation and cattle. In fact, he grew his own crops to put his way through college, where he earned an education in agriculture and economics from the University of Kentucky.

"Farming is a sophisticated occupation," he said.

He is also a lawyer. "I want to be a voice for agriculture and rural Kentucky, because those are linked," Quarles said.

"I want to make sure Kentucky has a seat at the table during international trade talks."

That covers two of Quarles' goals for office - expanding Kentucky Proud with an international approach and being an important voice for rural Kentucky in Frankfort. His third goal is to oppose President Barack Obama's Environmental Protect Agency regulations.

"They are having an adverse effect on Kentucky agriculture," he said of the tougher regulations. "What we're looking for is common ground."

Quarles serves on the Kentucky House Agriculture and

Small Business Committee and the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee.

Also running for state agriculture commissioner are:

- Republican Richard Heath, a state representative from Mayfield and a building supply company owner.
- Democrat Jean-Marie Lawson Spann, an agricultural marketing executive, radio show host and Democratic activist from Bowling Green.

Governor
Kentucky's May 19 primary is just three months away, and, of course, the biggest race is for governor/lieutenant governor. Those candidates include:

- Democrat Jack Conway, currently serving as Kentucky Attorney General, and ex-deputy state cabinet secretary and 2010 U.S Senate Democratic nominee for Louisville. His running mate is Sannie Overly, also from Louisville, a state representative and attorney.
- Democrat Geoffrey M. "Geoff" Young, a retired state official, economist, 2014 U.S. Representative candidate and 2012 state representative nominee from Lexington. His running mate is Johnathan

D. Masters of Hudson.

- Republican Matt Bevin, an investment executive, Army veteran, Tea Party activist and 2014 U.S. Senate candidate from Louisville. His running mate is Jenean Hampton, a Tea Party activist and 2014 state representative candidate from Bowling Green.

- Republican James R. Comer, Kentucky State Agriculture Commissioner, ex-state representative and businessman from Tompkinsville. His running mate is Chris McDaniel, a state senator, concrete contractor and Army veteran from Taylor Mill.

- Republican Hal Heiner, a former Louisville Metro Councilman, real estate developer and civil engineer from Louisville. His running mate is K.C. Crosbie, a former Lexington-Fayette Urban County Councilwoman and 2011 state treasurer nominee from Lexington.

- Republican Will T. Scott, a former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, former circuit judge, Vietnam War veteran and 1988 and 1990 U.S. Representative nominee from Pikeville. His running mate is Rodney Coffey, former Menifee County Sheriff from Pikeville.

- Independent Drew Curtis, a website publisher and businessman from Lexington. His running mate is his wife, Heather Curtis, a businesswoman and psychologist.

Secretary of state

- Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, current Kentucky Secretary of State and 2014 nominee for U.S. Senate from Lexington.

- Democrat Charles Lovett, a pre-trial officer from Louisville.

- Republican Steve Knipper, a former Erlanger City Councilman and health care project manager from Independence.

- Michael Pitzer, a technology consultant from Louisville.

Attorney general

- Democrat Andy Beshear, an attorney, community activist and son of Gov. Steve Beshear from Louisville.

- Republican Mike Hogan, a Lawrence County attorney from Louisa.

- Republican Whitney Westerfield, a state senator and attorney from Hopkinsville.

Treasurer

- Democrat Neville Blake-more, a businessman and

2006 Louisville Metro Council nominee from Louisville.

- Democrat Jim Glenn, a state representative, college professor and economist from Owensboro.

- Democrat Daniel Grossberg, a realtor and Democratic activist from Louisville.

- Democrat Richard Henderson, a former state representative, former Jeffersonville mayor and businessman from Mt. Sterling.

- Democrat Rick Nelson, a state representative and retired teacher from Middlesboro.

- Republican Allison Ball, an attorney, former congressional aide and Republican activist from Prestonsburg.

- Republican Kenny Imes, a state representative and funeral director from Louisville.

- Republican Jon Larson, a former Fayette County Judge-Executive, attorney and Army veteran from Lexington.

Auditor of public accounts

- Democrat Adam Edelen, current Kentucky Auditor of Public accounts from Lexington.

- Republican Mike Harmon, a state representative, insurance agent and 2011 lieutenant governor candidate from Danville.

EMS financial report reflects ‘small positive’

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden Health Systems ended 2014 with an unexpected Christmas gift.

For months, Crittenden EMS has been operating in the red, even with a monthly supplement from Crittenden Fiscal Court. But in December of last year, the hospital's ambulance service showed a profit.

"December was a very large month at the hospital and a very large month for the ambulance service," CHS CEO Greg McNeil told magistrates at Friday's fiscal court meeting. "(EMS) actually made a profit in December, which is really unusual."

McNeil's monthly report to the fiscal court showed an operating profit of \$7,083 for December by the ambulance service. Of course, that figure was buoyed by the fiscal court's monthly supplement

of \$12,500, but it was still a pleasant surprise.

"October through December show a small positive, which we haven't seen in a long time," McNeil reported.

The ambulance service made 131 runs in December and 89 in November, when a net loss of \$7,320 was reported. A net loss of \$5,755 was reported for October.

Altogether, for the final three months of 2014, EMS showed a net loss of only \$5,992 when the county's total contribution of \$37,500 was included in the quarterly calculation.

That's an encouraging start to the hospital's current fiscal year that began on Oct. 1.

Overall, McNeil reported that CHS, with its 48-bed short-term, acute-care hospital, seems to be fairing well in what is a difficult time for small rural hospitals. How-

ever, the facility has suffered through several cuts over the last year or so in order to reduce expenses, including cutting employee wages and benefits and even laying off workers.

In December of last year, officials with Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton announced the facility would close on March 31 due, in part, to a drop in the number of patients served and declining reimbursement for services rendered.

"That hospital was bigger than ours," McNeil said. "It will devastate their community."

Elsewhere in Kentucky, Nicholas County Hospital in Carlisle closed it's doors in May and in November, Clinton County Hospital in Albany filed for bankruptcy.

More than half of Kentucky's population is served by rural hospitals, many of which are facing financial uncertainty.

"In a rural community, the

presence of a hospital is huge," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

According to the University of North Carolina's Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, 48 rural hospitals in America have closed their doors since 2010, not including the looming closure in Fulton.

Last week, a meeting with Congressman Ed Whitfield organized by Newcom for hospital administrators and county officials from western Kentucky was set to discuss the survival of area hospitals. The winter storm cancelled the meeting, but it is expected to be rescheduled.

"There are several pieces of (federal) legislation that will help hospitals if they are passed," said McNeil.

In other hospital news, Jim Bishop of Bell Buckle, Tenn., took over the role of chief financial officer for CHS a month ago. Stan Hoover previously served in that role.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Press letters policy

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Writer still seeking family members

To the editor

I am still looking for Reba Juanita Sullenger, her daughters or sons who are my biological siblings. I know she passed away, but have no idea where my sisters live or if I have brothers. I am looking for your help.

I was born at the Marion hospital on Aug. 12, 1955. My dad's

name was William Millikan, and he lived in Marion. We moved to Indiana, where we stayed until he passed away when I was 13.

He raised me, and I was just wondering where my other people may be. I have searched with no luck, so I am requesting anyone who might have any information that can help to contact me at 905 Williams Coaker Road, Fruitdale, AL 36539.

Nancy Millikan Heathcock
Fruitdale, Ala.

7 indicted by Crittenden County Grand Jury

STAFF REPORT

Felony indictments were brought against seven individuals when the Crittenden County Grand Jury met for its regular monthly session on Feb. 12 at the courthouse. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether sufficient evidence warrants further prosecution of a case as a felony in circuit court. Indicted this month were the following:

- April L. Alsobrook, 38, of Winchester, Ky., was indicted on one count of flagrant non-

support. According to court records, Alsobrook is alleged to have persistently failed to provide court-ordered child support and that she is in arrears by the amount of \$10,349.18. Flagrant non-support is a Class D felony.

- Barkley T. Belt, 20, of Marion was indicted on one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) by complicity. Court records allege that Belt sold meth to a Penrynle Narcotics Task Force undercover agent on Jan. 13 at the Shopko Hometown

parking lot. The original police report called the alleged drug involved in the case "molly," which is also known as a date-rape drug, according to the task force's news release. When the state crime lab analyzed the alleged drug, it found it to contain methamphetamine. The charge is a Class C felony.

- Kamiah A. Timpe, 35, of Benton was indicted on a firearm-enhanced charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class B felony; oper-

ating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, a Class B misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana by complicity, a Class B misdemeanor. Timpe was allegedly involved in the same Jan. 13 transaction as the aforementioned Belt.

- Angela M. Orr, 36, of Louisville was indicted on a firearm-enhanced charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class B felony; and possession of marijuana by complicity, a Class B misde-

meanor. Orr was allegedly involved in the same Jan. 13 transaction as the aforementioned Belt and Timpe.

- Patrick L. Murphy, 27, of Marion was indicted on one count of fourth-degree assault, third offense, for allegedly choking and striking his father during an altercation Dec. 27 on Creek Street. Because the assault charge is a third offense, it is a Class D felony.
- Bruce A. Day, 42, of Marion was indicted on a single count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense. Court

records indicate that the Penrynle Narcotics Task Force brought the charge after Day allegedly possessed hydrocodone tablets on Sept. 4 with the intent to sell them to a cooperating witness.

- Derek W. McCree, 34, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone), a Class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Kentucky State Police conducted the investigation that alleges McCree was in possession of such items on Dec. 2.

Todd relishes role as animal control officer

STAFF REPORT

Timmy Todd began his position as the new animal control officer for Crittenden County in November. A resident of Tolu, Todd is also a dog owner and stresses the importance of providing proper care to pets. He encourages individuals to bring in strays or pets that are no longer wanted to the county's shelters instead of leaving them abandoned or neglected. He said one of the biggest challenges he faces on the job is encountering a scared dog that needs extra attention before it's ready to find a perma-

nent home. "You work with it, and after three or four days, you see real progress with it," Todd said. "You're proud of the dog and proud of yourself. You've done something for it, like giving it a chance to have a home." In addition to disinfecting kennels and feeding, Todd takes time to inspect each dog to ensure its general health. He indicated the animal shelter has a network of volunteers that work hard to

keep the public updated via social media when a lost dog is brought to the shelter. "When people lose a dog, the first thing they do is call here. And that's what they should do. We've got good volunteers," Todd said. "A lot of times, we've had owners come in a day's time and pick their dog up." Todd also credits the support of city and county officials. He said if there are instances of suspected animal



Todd

neglect or cruelty, residents should contact law enforcement officials, and they will work together to investigate such matters. On a positive note, Todd said the shelter has seen several dogs adopted since he began last year. But many dogs are still available for adoption, and he hopes more individuals can provide a good home for a canine companion. The shelter also has variety of furry feline friends awaiting adoption. Visit crittendenshelter.blogspot.com to view photos of animals ready for adoption.

Alexander, Newcom support local option sales tax bill

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution to allow communities more control over funding local projects awaits action in the Senate. House Bill 1, in a rare show of bipartisan support in the Kentucky House of Representatives, is sponsored by House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg) and House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover (R-Jamestown). It is a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow statewide voters to authorize state lawmakers to give local voters the right to approve up to a 1-cent temporary sales tax

on agreed-to local projects. HB 1 passed the lower chamber on Feb. 12 on a vote of 62-35 and is now before the Senate for its consideration. As of press time, it was awaiting a hearing in the Senate State & Local Government Committee of which Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) is a member. The measure is supported by Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. "I believe people ought to have a choice," said Alexander. HB 1, unofficially called the "LIFT bill" for the name of its

advocacy group Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT), would add Kentucky to the list of 37 other states that allow for a local option sales tax for specified projects, should local voters agree to the levy. Stumbo said the amendment could free up state dollars for services like education by allowing local communities to cover the cost of local projects themselves. Hoover said a local option sales tax could only be levied with "direct consent" of those affected, not to exceed a penny per dollar for specific projects. "I have been a supporter of this idea from the beginning

because I view this... as democracy at its best, where local people make a decision on what they want to do," he stated. Following the passage of HB 1, the House also voted 57-38 to approve HB 344, sponsored by Rep. Tommy Thompson (D-Owensboro) which would set requirements for a local option sales tax levy should the proposed amendment allowing such a tax be approved during the November 2016 general election. If passed by the Senate and signed into law by the governor, HB 344 would take effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

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in his senior year of high school. Since he began chemotherapy treatment, the teen has received home-bound instruction. He was also disappointed at not being able to participate in Rocket basketball this year. Nevertheless, he's received encouragement and support from fellow classmates. Headed up by classmate Erica Hardin, senior class members are spreading the word to both students and community members to pur-

chase T-shirts to support Jason. The T-shirts display a Team Jason logo on the front. On the back of each T-shirt, it indicates cancer's many limitations, such as its inability to shatter hope, corrode faith or silence courage. Hardin said she and her classmates have known Jason and his twin brother, Jordan, since kindergarten. They wanted to do something to show their support for him and his family. T-shirts come in gray or royal blue. Sizes range from small to 3X. Each costs \$18.60. Extended sizes cost \$2 more. T-shirts can be or-

dered by messaging Hardin online at Facebook.com/erica.hardin.9. CCHS Principal Curtis Brown said Hardin has been supportive of Jason since the diagnosis by placing posters around the school and expressing admiration for his courage in meeting the challenges he faces. "She came to me several weeks ago wanting to sell T-shirts as a fundraiser, and while we can't officially support fundraising for individual students as a school, I was happy to publicize Erica's efforts in our Rocket News Blast newsletter, and

we have publicized it within the school also," Brown said, alluding to rules about fundraising activities in schools. "She did all the work - conceived the idea, found a printer, created the design and worked to publicize her fundraising. Erica's actions are a great example of the type of supportive school

culture we want at CCHS. I admire her for her personal sense of responsibility." Jason's mother also expressed her appreciation on behalf of her family to Hardin. She also thanked her colleagues at Marion City Hall and the local community for what she described as overwhelming support.

Additionally, she expressed her appreciation for the many prayers already made on behalf of her family and asks the community to continue to keep them in their thoughts and prayers as her son continues treatment. "I know God's got it," she said about her son's recovery. "God's got this."



FACEBOOK IMAGE

On Saturday, after heavy rains fell on the county filling up creek and stream beds, Barry Workman volunteered to take his tractor across a rushing creek to reach a person stranded on the other side. Donnie Arflack, Crittenden County Rescue Squad chief, posted the photo on his Facebook page. He said the water in the creek was about 4 feet deep with a swift current. This was just one of countless selfless acts by people in the community helping others during the aftermath of last week's series of weather events.

STRONG

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deliveries. The effort of the state, city and county law enforcement officers who offered to transport those stranded or who were shut in without resources to help themselves. The City of Marion maintenance crews for their efforts of cooperation and street clearing. The state highway crews who did an outstanding job opening our major roads that

provide a means for all of us to reach our jobs, appointments and needed services. The volunteer fire departments and their staff for acts of assistance. Our local media outlets that provided continual updates on the availability of assistance and the means necessary for contacting those providing assistance. The many family members who supported the efforts of the aforementioned. I am thankful to live in a community of people who know how to roll up their

sleeves and do what is necessary to make things better for everyone when the need for action is required and when acts of selflessness are needed. Working together, we all make a difference and offer a positive impact no matter how insignificant a gesture may seem at the time. Thank you! (Perry Newcom was elected judge-executive of Crittenden County in 2010. His column appears periodically in this newspaper. He can be reached at (270) 965-5251.)

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Students observe FFA Week

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

What do 73 Crittenden County High School students have in common? They all belong to the local chapter of FFA. And for those students, it's time to honor the proud tradition FFA represents.

All this week, Crittenden County High School's FFA Chapter is celebrating National FFA Week. The national event concludes on Saturday. This year's theme is "Go All Out," and it embraces more than 80 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future.

The week-long, annual tradition originated in 1947 and is celebrated the week of George Washington's birthday. In addition to being a military war hero and first President of the United States, Washington is also remembered as a highly-educated farmer and agronomist.

In this country, agriculture has evolved over the decades. For many years, agriculture meant farming the land and cultivating the soil for growing crops and rearing animals for meat or other products. But today, agriculture provides a wealth of career opportunities in addition to its primary focus of supplying food for the dinner table.

According to CCHS Agriculture Educator Larry Duvall, those career opportunities are on the upswing for the foreseeable future. Citing research concerning the growth rate in the agriculture sector concerning employability, Duvall said it is projected that in the next five to seven years, occupations in agriculture will increase by 28 percent. Duvall also cited statistics in which agriculture has the fifth highest pay scale among four-year college graduates with a bachelor's degree.

"FFA and agriculture education give students the opportunity to explore and prepare for over 300 career options in agriculture ranging from ag production to forestry to ag engineering to agribiotechnology," Duvall



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

With nearly a foot of snow and ice dumped on Crittenden County last week, it may be comforting to think spring is just a few weeks away. Above, Jesse Belt (left) and Crittenden County High School Agriculture Educator Larry Duvall prepare plants in the agriculture education greenhouse adjacent to Rocket Arena. Ag students are learning marketing, retail and customer service experience. Career choices in the ag industry are diverse and can range from marketing and sales to service or scientific fields of study.

said. "We strive to help everyone understand where their food supply comes from and how many people it takes to turn animals and grains into products ready to be purchased and eaten by the consumer."

Upon their own high school graduation, Duvall's FFA students have a growing list of career options to explore in addition to traditional farming. Options include careers in plant sciences, genetic engineering, animal sciences and various marketing opportunities.

Duvall indicated while the percentage of people who actually produce crops on a farm in relationship to the number of people in the agricultural field is very small, someone has to start the food chain. Despite technological advancements and associated fields of study, farming remains central to agriculture

and supports its many career options, including marketing, processing, distribution and ag sales and services.

Through an education in agriculture, FFA impacts students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success. Today, FFA membership is comprised of more than 610,000 student members in seventh-grade through high school seniors who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In 1928, FFA was organized nationally. More than 20 years later, Congress granted it a federal charter, making FFA an integral part of public agricultural instruction under the National Vocational Education Act. FFA does not receive federal funding.

FFA Week gives its mem-

bers an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. For the week, the local CCHS chapter had planned a variety of activities to help classmates and community members learn more about FFA and agricultural education. Those activities include an ag/FFA trivia scavenger hunt; Ag Awareness Day, where FFA students wear clothing promoting the agriculture industry; a Muddy Truck Contest; Oldest FFA Jacket or FFA T-shirt Contest; Blue and Gold Day; an administration, teacher and staff appreciation meal; and a club meeting.

Crittenden County's FFA members are considered the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for diverse career opportunities in food, fiber and natural resources industries.

Bill to move governor election clears Senate

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

The Kentucky Senate on Monday approved a proposal to move the state's election for governor and other statewide constitutional officers to even-numbered years.

Kentucky is one of the few states that elects its governor and other statewide constitutional officers in odd-numbered years.

State Sen. Chris McDaniel, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor in November, said moving the election would

save local taxpayers \$3.5 million every four years.

But Democratic state Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson said the added expense of the elections is the cost of democracy. He said having the election for governor separate from a presidential or congressional campaigns gives the race more attention and prestige.



Ridley

The measure passed the Senate 27-10, with Ridley voting no. The bill now moves to the House for approval.

Livestock report not available

STAFF REPORT

This week's livestock report from the Ledbetter auction held on Tuesday was not

available at press time.

The report can be found online at www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sv_ls150.txt.

Cattle, grain estimates for Ky. released

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released its grain and cattle estimates for Kentucky.

With more cattle than any state east of the Mississippi River, Kentucky was home to an estimated 2.06 million head as of Jan. 1, according to the Kentucky Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Total inventory was down 50,000 from last year. Nationwide, on the first day of the year, all cattle and calves totaled 89.8 million head, 1 percent above the previous year's total.

NASS also released 2014 grain estimates for the state, with corn remaining the king of all crops. An estimated 225.94 million bushels of corn were harvested in the Bluegrass State last year. Corn covered 1.52 million acres in Kentucky, an area larger than the entire state of Delaware.

An estimated 84 million bushels of soybeans were harvested from 1.76 million acres planted.

For winter wheat, 630,000 acres yielded an estimated 36.21 million bushels.

USDA to survey planting intentions

NEWS RELEASE

What is on the horizon for U.S. farmers in 2015 as they finalize plans for planting this spring?

The March Agricultural Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey approximately 82,000 of the nation's farmers to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry eagerly awaits USDA's Prospective Plantings report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," said NASS' Kentucky State Statis-

tician David Knopf. "The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that underpins these projections, making it one of the more important surveys we conduct each year."

NASS mails the survey questionnaire in late February, asking producers to provide information about the crops they intend to plant in 2015, and the amount of grain they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who do not respond by the deadline may be contacted for a telephone or personal interview.

NASS will compile and an-

alyze the survey information and publish the results in the annual Prospective Plantings report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on March 31, 2015.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277.

Some Kenergy members to get credit

NEWS RELEASE

Kenergy Corp.'s board of directors recently voted to return \$3 million to its members in the form of a capital credit retirement.

The difference between a cooperative such as Kenergy and an investor-owned utility is that a cooperative is owned by those it serves, and members share in the co-op's profits.

At the close of each fiscal year, profits are allocated back to the membership in the form of capital credits. This allocation is based on

the dollar amount of electricity purchased during the same year.

The 2015 retirement is for electricity purchased between 1984 and 1986.

For the 2015 retirement, current members can expect a credit on their June bills. Former members who are eligible will receive checks in June also.

At this time, Kenergy continues to calculate amounts to be paid to members. After statements are mailed later this year, members with questions may call the co-

op's office.

Regarding the estates of deceased members, capital credits are retired on a prorated basis upon notification of death. Therefore, some deceased members' estates already received their retirement for 1984 through 1986.

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Names-Where did they come from?

I'm always being asked if I know how places and things in our county received their names. Sometimes I am fortunate enough to have read about how some locations were named.

Usually it is for an important figure of the time, many places get their name from a family that lived close by or they donated property for a school house or church building to be built.

Several of our little county schools were named for natural places that were located close by, such as Copperas Spring School for the sulphur spring that was located in front of it, and the Olive Branch School, for the little stream of water that ran near it. But as to how the branch got it's name, I don't have a clue.

The names that I am always totally stumped on and as far as I know, no real means of finding an answer for, are the creeks. Yes, many researchers from distant places will look at our Crittenden County maps and see a creek that carries their family names and will call wanting to know "how did that creek get it's name, it is the name of my family?" How great it would be to have a little book that named all our creeks and streams and how they received their names.

Here are a few of local places and schools with some history on how they were given their name.

Sheridan - named by Abraham J. Bebout

When the Sheridan Post Office was established it was named in honor of General Phillip Sheridan at the suggestion of Abraham J. Bebout, who was post master there for several years. The post office was first established in March 1888.

General Sheridan was a career officer in the United States Army and a Union general in the Civil war. His career was noted for his rapid rise to major general and his close association with Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

In the year 1912, Mr. James B. McNeely, the Press reporter, visited the little town and shared with the Press some history.

Sheridan is a blooming little town situated on the highway between Marion and Tolu.

Mr. Abraham Bebout carries a full line of general merchandise and is one of the first citizens of Sheridan.



Mr. Blake B. Terry is in the grocery business. He keeps a general line of fresh groceries and sells goods to citizens of that area as far away as Marion.

Ebenezer Franklin Sullenger is handling a fine line of dry goods. He also wants to buy your live stock. He is well posted on the market.

J.R. Bagwell is the village blacksmith and the children coming home from school look in at the open door. They love to see the flaming forge and hear the bellows roar.

View - How the name View and White Hall school originated

Mr. Alfred H. Cardin was born in Virginia and came to western Kentucky in 1845. He and his family settled on a large farm close to the center area of the county, seven miles from Marion. Here, Mr. Cardin built a handsome two-story residence for his family. At the time, their farm was on the main road leading out of Marion. (The Trail of Tears road.)

His wife, Mary, thought the area was beautiful and their pleasant country home was a popular resort for their many friends. She loved the view of the fields and forests she could see from their comfortable home.

A school was soon needed for the area. Mr. Cardin, Senator Clement, A. B. Hodge and others gave donations to help build a school near the road and not far from their home. It would also be used for church gatherings for the local neighbors since Marion was seven miles away. Mrs. Cardin took much interest in the local surroundings and she suggested the newly built structure be painted white and called White Hall. It was indeed a very pretty building when it was finished.

The area also began to need a post office. It would be located just below the school location at the cross-roads, (View Rd. and Frances Rd. today) being newly established, it needed a name, and once again Mrs. Cardin suggested the

name of View, since it was appropriate for her feelings for her home site.

There is nothing left of Mrs. Cardin's pretty White Hall school house, and no visible signs of the little community of View, where the post office was located that she named. Just another forgotten passage of time, except for the road sign that indicates the drive along the road that you are on View Road. It is still a beautiful location even today.

Nunn Switch, Gladstone and Hoods Welcome to the community known with three names in the beginning

It's most unusual that a small community would be known by three names, but this one was. Located back in a fertile valley in the northeastern section of the county, near where the Hoods creek flows close by, was the small village of Nunns Switch.

First just known by the name of Nunns, it was called this for the family that owned the land, Samuel and wife, Sarah, Nunn.

When the Illinois Central Railway came through in 1886 purchasing land for the new railroad that would soon be laid, the name was changed to Nunn Switch. There would be a depot built here with trains running 4 times a day, each time stopping at the Nunn Switch Depot. Here passengers might disembark or new ones hop aboard to travel back and forth from Evansville to Marion. Cream would also be picked up at the depot to be taken to the creamery at Evansville, as would farmer's stock and produce.

In 1897 the Gladstone Mining Company of Evansville, Ind. was busy in the area developing a coal mine adjacent to the village of Nunns Switch. There were big plans for a large coal mining operation to be located here.

There were plans for a tram leading from the coal mines entrance to the railroad track, so the coal could easily be loaded onto the train cars. But the mines soon ran out and the mining company closed. During this time a post office was started here and it was given the name Gladstone.

Located on the bluff was the school known as Hoods School, named for the large flowing creek nearby. Students from miles around



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Shown above is Nunn Switch. The community was known in years past as Nunns Switch, Gladstone and Hoods. This photo was made in 1998 before the railroad tracks and railroad crossing sign were removed. The train depot once sat in the field where the cattle are grazing. Today the area is simply known as Nunn Switch. At left is the school Mr. and Mrs. Cardin helped build with encouragement and support from his wife. Mrs. Cardin was proud of the new school and suggested it be painted white. She christened it White Hall. This school burned in later years.

walked through hill and dale and attended this little school.

Thus, one area was known by three names. Today it is just known as Nunn Switch, as it is still remembered for the train and railroad tracks that once ran through the village a long ago time.

Boaz School

The Boaz schoolhouse, located in the southern part of the county, was named for George L. Boaz, a prominent citizen of the community. He and his wife donated the land for the school to be built on. The school set across the road from the Seven Springs Baptist Church, just outside of the community of

Frances.

Mr. Boaz, was a pioneer citizen of the county. He was born near Lexington, Ky. in 1817. His father moved to this county when he was a boy, and made the location their home. Mr. Boaz was 84 years old at the time of his death. He was always honest in dealing with his fellow man, true to his friends and friendly to everyone. Mr. Boaz died June 14, 1901 and is buried at the Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

Heath School

Heath School was located off Mt. Zion Road, near where Butter Road is today. When the school was there the road was known as Hughes Road.

Authorities concerned about growing problem of heroin

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

The growing scourge of heroin in Kentucky weighing heavily on the minds of state lawmakers may seem like a far-flung problem for residents of Crittenden County, but according to one local authority, it's just a matter of time before the impact of the illicit drug is felt locally.

"It's on its way," said Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent.

Though, Agent and Marion

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said heroin has not yet become a problem in Crittenden County, Agent said the drug is hitting surrounding counties hard. That means it is likely to spill over the borders at some point.

In fact, according to Agent, Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force based in Hopkinsville worked two heroin cases in Crittenden County in 2014.

Heroin overdose deaths now account for 32 percent of

all Kentucky overdose deaths, up from 20 percent in 2012. There were 230 overdose deaths in 2013 because of heroin, up from 22 in 2011.

Areas of northern Kentucky have been hardest hit by overdose deaths.

Kentucky lawmakers have failed to reach a deal on heroin legislation for the past two years, but have made it a top priority in the current session of the General Assembly. Both the Democrat-led House

and GOP Senate have already passed their own measures to combat the drug during the current legislative session, though no compromise on the differences in the legislation had been reached at press time.

"The heroin scourge is an epidemic," said Democratic Rep. John Tilley of Hopkinsville, lead sponsor of the House legislation (House Bill 213) that passed 98-0 earlier this month. "It's a public

health nightmare.....Families changed forever, lives lost."

According to a recent data from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, 7 percent of people living in western Kentucky report knowing a family member or friend who has had problems as a result of using heroin.

Senate Bill 5, the upper chamber's anti-heroin measure, was passed 36-0 in January.

The House and Senate ver-

sions have some key differences. The House bill would let local governments create an exchange where heroin users could swap out dirty needles for clean ones. The House bill also would toughen penalties for higher-volume traffickers. The Senate measure would treat all heroin dealers the same, regardless of how much heroin they sell.

(The Associated Press and The Courier-Journal contributed to this story.)



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Americans blind to the truth

It breaks my heart and also makes me so angry when I see what so many people are doing to this great nation. It cost thousands of lives to keep it brave and free. What is happening is a disgrace and a slap in the face to all that ever donned a U.S. military uniform.

Celebrities, foreigners, professors and too many of their children and many politicians hate the America that has been the place that has helped them get to where they are.

For all of these and anyone else that hates America, I say ship them out of the country and let them see how the rest of the world lives. They would be begging to come home.

So many of the laws and rules that are being laid on us are not only breaking this nation and its people, but will put us under so much bondage to the politicians and bureaucrats that we won't recognize this country in two more years.

What can be more barbaric, brutal and inhumane, than killing innocent, precious little human beings that are so dependent on us. We betray them so violently by slaughtering them in cold blood.

God's Word says, "All souls are mine, and children are the heritage of the Lord."

And we dare to permit, support and demand the right to slaughter His children and not expect to pay a horrible price.

How blind and stupid can we get, supposing to be a civilized, educated nation?

When people leave God out of their lives, they become worse than animals.

When people claim to be Christian and live in sin, or do not follow the Gospel's teachings, they become blind and destructive and will be destroyed.

How wicked this nation is becoming with so many states already making same-sex marriage legal. It is frightening to even think of how massive God's judgment will be on this country.

It has been reported that one certain kind of attack can kill 90 percent of Americans and the 10 percent left would not be able to survive very well, if at all.

Don't we know that is the plan of the radical Islamic murderers, who believe that is what God wants them to do in order for them to get to Heaven? Just how ignorant and evil have we become?

These perverts will all answer to God on how they have violated God's image



in man and the plan God made for man.

So will all the sex-changed men and women and all the doctors who perform the surgeries. How dare anyone to play God in such a mockery.

God made us what we are when we were born and one dares to take a man's body and try to turn it into a woman's body and a woman into a man.

How true God's statement was at the Tower of Babel when He saw they were trying to build a tower to reach into Heaven: "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, behold, the people are one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city."

He had just destroyed all the people but eight in the great flood 150 years before, and they did not learn from that lesson.

Now, I wonder what God will do to America for these sins that are far more appalling, shameful, degrading and diabolical and such a reproach on their Creator.

When millions of professed Christians will vote in rulers over us who condone all these evils, they are as guilty as the leaders they elect. All of them are just as guilty as the ones committing the evils. Yet millions want to deny this. But God will have the last word and it will all be the same as He has already spoken.

Paul told us to not be partakers of other men's sins and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather prove them and abstain from all appearance of evil. He said, know you not that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Killing innocent babies, fornication, adultery, homo-

sexuality, lesbianism and sex changes are all defiling the temple of God, and He has said He would destroy not only those guilty of these atrocious sins against Him and His image, but all that did not repent and be born again.

We are to follow Jesus' example. Does any sane person really believe Jesus would do or condone any of these acts of treason against His Father? No, a million times, no!

God told Jeremiah: "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew you."

And we are going to say a person is not a person at the moment of conception? If we aren't human, what are we, pigs, chickens, or, oh yes, maybe monkeys that evolve into humans at birth?

Well, that might make as much sense as Darwin's theory that says we were first monkeys for thousands of years, roaming the earth, and somewhere along the line, we turned into men and women.

Who says humans are the smartest things God created? Even a lion knows what he is and he acts like one.

When the Israelites had gone this far from God in Isaiah's time, God said the ox knows his owner and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not consider. Here, God is agreeing that the dumb ox and donkey act smarter than people.

Watch how the animals care for and are concerned about their own. But women kill their unborn babies for whom they were responsible for making?!

Sure, a man was involved. But what is wrong with the word NO anymore? Or if women are so much smarter than men (which I've never bought) then why

don't they take the proper precautions?

Not only am I grieved about our moral decay in this country, but very grieved over what our government is doing to this country.

This present government wants to have all power over us and rule us from our children to our health care, to what we can say, do, drive and work.

Our government is considering signing a United Nations Treaty that would put parents under the total rule of the United Nations on how we raise our children, what we can teach them. It would give the children power to sue their parents, and establish that no parent will ever be allowed to spank their children regardless of how mild.

The bottom line is the UN would control American families.

A 13-year-old boy went to family services in Washington State and complained about his parents taking him to church Sunday morning and evening and on Wednesday, and the court took the boy out of the home and ruled that it was too much church. If the parents wanted the boy back, they had to agree to only take him once a week.

Finally, that judge was overruled, but at what cost to the family and the state?

Has America really gotten that bad in the last several years?

Yes, and we better wake up and turn it around before it is all too late like it was in Russia, Germany and many other nations.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Community church notes

■ Revival services will be held through Friday beginning at 7 each night at Faith Church, located at 1849 U.S. 60 East between Salem and Burna. For more information, contact Pastor Israel Sanders at fptministries@tds.net or visit www.FaithChurchSalem.com.

■ Sturgis General Baptist Church will celebrate homecoming March 1. At 11 a.m., Rev. Billy McKendree from Morganfield will speak. At 1:30 p.m., Voices of Praise from Harrisburg, Ill. will sing.

■ The Ball Brothers will be the featured singers at a concert March 1 at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The service starts at 11 a.m.

■ Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet following the March 8 morning worship service. Those interested in the upkeep of the cemetery

are encouraged to attend the meeting.

■ Upward basketball and cheerleading practice is held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Marion Baptist Church. The weight room and walking track is open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to TheCrittendenPress@the-press.com. Type Church Notes in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

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OBITUARIES

Towery

Sonny Dean Towery, 56, of Providence died Feb. 20, 2015, at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Rhonda Towery; a son, Chris Towery; a daughter, Haley Towery; two brothers Joe (Linda) Towery and Melvin Towery; two sisters, Norma (Doug) Hunt and Debby (David) Teague; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Jones Funeral Home in Providence. Interment will be in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home and from 11 a.m. until service time on Friday.

— PAID OBITUARY —
Whitley

William Ricky Whitley, 60, of Burna died Feb. 23, 2015, at his home.

He formerly served on the board of directors of the Burna Fire Department.

Whitley is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dianne Whitley of Burna; a son, Lynn (Jessica) Whitley of Burna; a brother, Michael Wayne Whitley of Benton; two grandchildren, Tori and Issac; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Allen Whitley; two brothers, Terry Whitley and Roger Whitley; and his parents, William Morris and Betty Joyce Smith Whitley.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Shawn Stephens officiating. Burial will follow in Lola Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the funeral hour at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Fitzgerald

Betty Jean Fitzgerald, 84, of Marion died Feb. 24, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She is survived by six children.

Fitzgerald was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Fitzgerald; her parents, Ross and Naomi Brown; and two children.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Seven Springs Baptist Church.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

kynect enrollment extended

FROM STAFF AN AP REPORTS

Gov. Steve Beshear on Tuesday announced that a special enrollment period through kynect will begin Monday and continue through April 30 to give those Kentuckians unaware of possible tax penalties more time to sign up. The original deadline was Feb. 15.

The IRS penalty for not obtaining health coverage for 2014 is \$95 for each household member or 1 percent of income, whichever is greater. That penalty will increase in 2015 to \$325 for each household member or 2 percent of income, whichever is greater.

Individuals taking advantage of this special enrollment period will still owe a fee for any months they were uninsured and did not qualify for an exemption in 2014 and 2015.

Visit kynect.ky.gov or call (855) 4kynect to learn more about affordable health care options for Kentuckians.

Franklin

Carolyn Sue Franklin, 72, of Marion died Feb. 22, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a homemaker and member of Marion Second Baptist Church.

Franklin is survived by three daughters, Patty Franklin of Marion, Carla Hardin of Salem and Tammy Lewis of Marion; two sons, Pat Franklin of Newburgh, Ind., and Curtis Franklin of Paducah; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Vera Frazer of Lexington; and five brothers, Ray Eugene Belt of Eddyville, Dennis Belt of Henderson, Paul Belt of Marion, Doyle Belt of Lexington and Jerry C. Belt of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Ray and Hazel Fowler Belt; and a sister.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Love Cemetery.

McConnell

William Glenn "Bill" McConnell, 90, of Kuttawa, a Crittenden County native, died Feb. 16, 2015, at his home.

He was born in Marion on April 4, 1924, and was a graduate of Marion High School, where he was captain of the 1942 football team. He graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy in 1951. He owned and operated McConnell's Drug Store from 1954 until retirement in 1989.

McConnell is a World War II veteran, having served in the European Theater from 1943 to 1945. He was awarded five battle stars and was among the soldiers who landed on Utah Beach at Normandy, France, in June of 1944.

He was a member of Kuttawa United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir for many years. Throughout his life, he was involved in volunteer work, including the American Red Cross and the Kuttawa Volunteer Fire Department. He served on the Kuttawa City Council for 18 years and later served as mayor of Kuttawa from 1973 to 1981.

McConnell served as a director of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. from Sept. 17, 1978, until Dec. 31, 2012, and as a director of Farmers Bancorp Inc. of Marion since its inception in 1987. At his retirement, he was serving as vice chairman of the bank and bancorp boards, roles in which he had served for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Grace Shelby McConnell; a son, Thomas Glenn McConnell of Kuttawa; a daughter, Carol (Micheal) Rogan of Rogersville, Tenn.; a granddaughter; five nephews; and a niece.

McConnell was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Nonie Bell McConnell; and a sister, Betty Jane Clement.

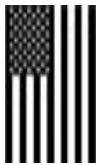
Funeral services were Saturday at Kuttawa United Methodist Church in Kuttawa with Rev. Ken Harp and Rev. Jim Keegan officiating. Burial was in Kuttawa Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy can take the form of donations to Kuttawa United Methodist Church.

Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville was in charge of arrangements.



McConnell



Whitmer

Harold K. Whitmer, 79, of Marion and Madisonville died Feb. 20, 2015, at his home in Marion.

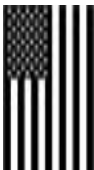
He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the Madisonville VFW, a Kentucky Colonel and attended Christian Assembly Church in Madisonville.

Whitmer is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda Whitmer; a daughter, Rebecca Tucker of Newburg, Ind.; a sister, Barbara (Sanford) Franklin of Marion; a brother, Ronnie Whitmer of Madisonville; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Mandrel Whitmer.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem is handling arrangements.



Clarke

John Weldon "J.W." Clarke, 93, of Salem died Feb. 16, 2015, at his home.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as boatswain's mate 1st class on the USS Ker-shaw. Following his military service, he maintained memberships in the American Legion and VFW.

Dedicated to his faith, family and community, Clarke was a member of Salem Baptist Church for 68 years. His church service included serving many years as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, member of the adult choir and bass singer for the men's quartet. He was a staunch supporter of missions, especially Happy Trails Ministry.

In the Salem area, he had worked 30 years as a self-employed backhoe operator, had 30 years of service as a rural letter carrier, served 16 years as an elected member of the Livingston County Board of Education, served many years as scoreboard operator for Livingston Central High School basketball games and served 21 years as a commissioner of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District, where he volunteered daily until his death.

Clarke's many hobbies included traveling, St. Louis Cardinal baseball, gardening, Southern gospel quartet singings/conventions and the National Farm Machinery Show, which he attended each year until 2013.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffery Wayne Clarke of Salem and Chris (Shelia) Clarke of Salem; two daughters, Tandy Lee (Jim) Higgins of Alvaton, Ky., and Lori Beth Clarke of Salem; a brother, William Oliver Clarke of Lockney, Texas; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

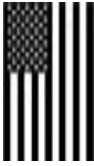
Clarke was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Marca Lee Clarke; a sister, Helen Clarke Ellis; and his parents, Guy M. and Lillie B. Oliver Clarke.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday at Salem Baptist Church with Rev. Chuck Ellis officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Happy Trails Ministry, P.O. Box 47, Salem, KY 42078.



Clarke



Clark

William Eugene "Bill" Clark, 71, of Marion died Feb. 16, 2015, at his home.

He attended Enon Baptist Church. He was a former maintenance worker at Henderson Community College and a farmer with Reynolds Metals.

Clark is survived by his wife, Katie Clark of Marion; two daughters, Laura Ann Gish of Henderson and Holly Gail Roberts of Calvert City; a son, William Kent Clark of Henderson; a sister, Dottie Sue Moore of Ledbetter; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis Eugene and Dorothy Lee Clark; and a brother, Robert Clark.

Funeral services were Friday at Enon Baptist Church with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 6100 Dutchman's Lane, Suite 401, Louisville, KY 40205; or St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101.

Sutton

Katherine C. Sutton, 78, of Marion died Feb. 18, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and quilting.

Sutton is survived by two sons, Rudy Prado of Kevil and Rick Prado of Marion; three daughters, Linda Riley of Marion, Marcia Floyd of Marion and Kathy James of Marion; a brother, Herman Curnell of Dawson Springs; a sister, Caroline Denton of Port Orchard, Wash.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Rodolfo Prado; her husband, Charles Sutton; a brother; four sisters; and her parents, Freeman Earl Curnell and Ora Lee Driver.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Chris Lowery officiating. Burial was in White's Chapel Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Qualls

Barbara Jean Qualls, 67, of Marion died Feb. 22, 2015, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

She is survived by her husband, Charles H. Qualls of Marion; a son, Charles A. (Tony) Qualls of Smithland; three sisters, Charlotte K. Chandler of Marion, Teresa May Hughes of Fredonia and Brenda Ann Samuel of Marion; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Qualls was preceded in death by her father, Denver Ray Rushing; and her mother, Jessie Wanda Scott.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.



Qualls

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Technology driving public library usage in Kentucky

STAFF REPORT

Public libraries across Kentucky are reporting unprecedented usage as technology continues to change the way Kentuckians use their libraries.

Statistics compiled from Kentucky's 119 public libraries show that Kentuckians checked out 30.66 million items during the 2013-14 fiscal year, setting a record which was an increase of 2 percent over the previous year. The driving factor in this increase was the circulation of more than 2 million e-books. For the first time, the number of e-books checked out from public libraries in the state surpassed the number of items checked out from bookmobiles.

"While all our services continue to grow, technology has seen the most change in the 10 years since I came in the fall of 2004," said Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina

Merrick. "From having eight public computers that didn't all work at the same time, connected to various ink-jet and monochrome laser printers, to 10 up-to-date public computers on an upgraded network connected to a single color laser printer, we've come a long way."

In addition to the dramatic increase in usage of electronic materials, Kentucky's public libraries provided 4,858 computers for public use. In a world where technology is necessary for so many activities, the library is the only place where many Kentuckians have access to a computer to search for employment, access government services, prepare school assignments, and take tests among many other tasks.

"By providing Kentuckians access to technology along with a wide range of services, programs and reading materials, public libraries continue to enhance their

role as community and educational partners across the state," said Wayne Onkst, state librarian and commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Kentucky's residents have also taken advantage of public library Internet access. Many Kentuckians brought their own devices to use at the library as every library system offered wireless access. More than 1.25 million wireless sessions were counted at library locations. Many other Kentuckians visited their public libraries from home, school or office through library websites and the Kentucky Virtual Library as the libraries play an increasing role in the education of Kentuckians at every level of the educational process.

"There isn't a day – or night – that goes by that there aren't people in one corner or another of the library using their own de-

vices, and then there are those parked outside the building or sitting on the bench with their devices after hours," Merrick said of the free Wi-Fi offered at the local library. "It's turned the library into a 24-7 operation, even when we're not here. From forced usage of technology for dealing with government and insurance business, to downloading e-books and music, technology has become part of the life of the library – a very vital part."

The number of people registered for library cards in Fiscal Year 2013-14 in public libraries increased to more than 2.66 million or 60 percent of Kentucky's population, and the state's bookmobile fleet – the largest in the nation – circulated 1.69 million items to shut-ins, homebound Kentuckians, schools and others unable to visit a library location.

Highlights for Crittenden County Public Library, according to Merrick, included:

- There are 3,419 library card holders, or 37 percent of the county's population.
- 30,723 books were checked out from the library, plus another 5,381 from the bookmobile.
- 1,414 audio-books were checked out from the library, plus another 35 from the bookmobile.
- 4,214 DVDs were checked out from the library, plus another 695 from the bookmobile.
- 1,234 magazines were checked out from the library.
- Children's circulation from both the library and bookmobile was up 12 percent from previous year.
- Program (summer reading programs, preschool programs, author events, etc.) attendance was up 39 per-

cent from previous year.

- 6,084 people made use of the library's 10 public computers.
- An estimated 8,755 people made use of the library's WiFi.
- Dozens of groups made use of the library's meeting room.

Also, 117 e-books were downloaded from July through December of last year, the first six months for which they were available for download from the local library.

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Merrick

Pinewood Derby to be held Monday

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Imagine the preparation that goes into a race weeks before the Daytona 500. While not on the same level as a NASCAR race, the upcoming Pinewood Derby promises to be just as entertaining for its participants.

This year's Pinewood Derby will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Mexico Baptist Church.

Open to Cub Scouts, the Pinewood Derby isn't designed for a single or class winner. Instead it keeps with the Cub Scout standard that a boy should do his best. Individual achievement and accomplishment take precedent over individual victories.

Marion United Methodist Church Pastor David Combs serves as Cub Scout Master and den leader of the Webelos. He emphasized preparing for the Pinewood Derby is a great way for father and sons to bond together over a project.

Pinewood derbies had humble beginnings. What became one California father's idea for a Cub Scout pack, pinewood derbies spread quickly across the nation during the early 1950s. By the middle of the decade, it was part of the official Cub Scout program

and is seen as a key part of many packs' annual events.

Combs said Pinewood Derby car kits are relatively inexpensive and are usually less than \$5. Made from a block of pine wood, cars must meet certain specifications, including weighing no more than 5 ounces.

During a recent weekly Scout meeting at Marion United Methodist Church, Combs said both Cub Scouts and their fathers brought the cars for a build night. Scouts got the opportunity to choose designs to place on their cars and a band saw was used to cut out specific patterns. The goal is to not just build a quality car, but build new skills while sharing quality time with both their mentors and fathers.

With their projects now complete, Cub Scouts await Monday night's event to cheer on both friends and den partners.

But the racing season isn't over after Monday. The district Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 7 at Madisonville First United Methodist Church.



Combs



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Energizing the fan base

Crittenden County High School's band members energize the fans during a recent Rocket basketball game. Nate Haire (saxophone), Sarah Hodge (flute), Carsen Easley (mellophone) Lauryn Faulkner (clarinet) and Clay Stevens (trumpet) help keep the momentum going in the Rockets' favor during a timeout.

CCHS reschedules its Freshman O night

STAFF REPORT

Due to last week's winter storm, Crittenden County High School has rescheduled its orientation for next year's incoming freshman class. Freshman Orientation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today (Thursday) in the high school multi-purpose room. The time will accommodate those wishing to attend the boys' basketball district championship game at Livingston County later in the evening.

Freshman O is designed to both ease the transition to high school and inform students about the different career and technical education pathways students can consider, including family and consumer science, business, agriculture, aerospace, band and art.

Additionally, students will be given information on pre-scheduling and will be pro-

vided tours of the freshman annex. School officials will be available to answer questions parents or students may have.

Dinner will be served and a random drawing for door prizes will take place.

Students who cannot attend Freshman O are asked to turn in their scheduling form to the middle or high school office.

For more information on Freshman O, contact CCHS at (270) 965-2248 or email the school's guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulders at stefanie.shoulders@crittenden.kyschools.us.

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Tuesday's Games
Quarterfinal Round, 6pm
Quarterfinal Round, 7:30pm
Friday, March 6 Games
Semifinal Round, 6pm
Semifinal Round, 7:30pm
Saturday, March 7 Game
Championship 7pm

SECOND REGION BOYS

Basketball Tournament

Games at Morganfield
Wednesday, March 4
Quarterfinal Round, 6pm
Quarterfinal Round, 7:30pm
Thursday, March 5
Quarterfinal Round, 6pm
Quarterfinal Round, 7:30pm
Monday, March 9
Semifinal Round, 6pm
Semifinal Round, 7:30pm
Tuesday, March 10
Championship 7pm

YOUTH SPORTS

Baseball, softball sign up;

Kickball new this summer

Registration is now under way for youth kickball, baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Kickball is new. See last week's Crittenden Press for details about the new opportunity. Registration forms will be sent home with CCES students this week. A registration form is also available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. Assessments are 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 8 at the middle school gym. Anyone new to the league or moving up to a new age division is required to attend the assessment. The assessment takes about 15 minutes. Players should wear tennis shoes and bring a glove and bat, if they have them. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

10u travel softball tryouts
The West Kentucky Bandits 10-under travel softball team will host tryouts at 3 p.m., Saturday at the indoor facility at Lee Jones Park in Eddyville. For information, contact Troy Harris at (270) 556-4545 or Cody Ogg at (270) 559-7100.

OUTDOORS

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Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Youth Turkey	Apr. 4-5
Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31

Wild eating is Saturday
The 11th annual Mexico Baptist Church Wild Game Dinner starts at 5 p.m., Saturday at the church. This is a free event and will include a meal and faith-based entertainment.

BASKETBALL

Alumni Game March 8

There will be age-specific Rocket alumni basketball games starting at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 8 at Rocket Arena. Anyone who has played for CCHS in the past is eligible to form his own team or participate. Teams must be made up of 5-8 players. There will be two age brackets: 39-under and 40-over. Players 40-up may play with the younger group. Pull-over scrimmage jerseys will be provided. To enter, text or call Travis Perryman at (270)-969-1168 or travis.perryman123@yahoo.com. Admission will be \$5. So far, six teams have entered. If you want to play and are not affiliated with a team, you will be will assigned to one on game day.

Regional players of year
The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches has named Henderson's David Simmons and Henderson's DeAsia Outlaw as Players of the Year in the Second Region.



Senior Landon Young celebrates Monday's win with teammate Dylan Hollis. At left, Colby Watson, Noah Dickerson and Young control the baseline.

Script puts Rockets back in final

Defense ices

Lyon shooters

STAFF REPORT
The Great Script Writer must love this matchup between Crittenden County and Trigg County. Why not, right? It has all the trappings of a story made in Heaven. Payton Croft – son of former Rocket coach Jimmy Croft – is Trigg's skipper and dad is an assistant coach. Both son and father are former Rocket players and Payton is among the top 15 scorers in Crittenden history. Down the sideline will be their good friend Denis Hodge, another homegrown talent, coaching his beloved Rockets – a team that has taken on its mentor's persona and created a dream season out of what were somewhat porous hopes four or five months ago. “Before the season, I didn't know what to expect,” said senior forward Noah Dickerson, who led his team in scoring Monday at Crittenden beat Lyon County 59-35 in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament. After a closely contested first half, Trigg beat Livingston Central 61-47 in the other opener to set up a championship bout between a couple of schools that are quickly becoming the league's new rivals. A year ago, Trigg and Crittenden went to the wire to decide who would wear the Fifth District Tournament crown. They will meet again at 7 p.m., Thursday in Smithland with the same jewels on the line. “We're a better team than we were last year,” said Rocket senior Landon Young, pointing to a much improved record (16-10) and perhaps a more hungry heart. “It doesn't hurt to want to win,” said Young, who's been hounded by gimmick defenses the last half of the season after he threw up some gaudy numbers in December and early January. On Monday, Young scored 13 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out four assists while Lyon County (10-17) alternated chasing defenders on him. The senior turned in an outing as solid as the sheets of ice outside the gym in Smithland where the district tournament is being played, despite some schools still closed early this week due to weather.



Crittenden County's defense had one eye on Lyon guard Jerico Wilkerson the entire game. Here Dylan Hicks applies the perimeter pressure which helped hold Wilkerson 13 points below his scoring average.

About a foot of snow a week previous had erased any chance of finishing the regular season as normal. Crittenden didn't get to play its last three games. Snow knocked the boys off the floor for 10 straight days and limited their practices. None of that seemed to matter Monday when Crittenden held Lyon at bay most of the game with a bulwark defense and balanced scoring. Crittenden jumped out to a 7-0 lead after controlling the opening tip and maintained something very close to that margin through three periods. Lyon unsheathed a three-quarter-court press and half-court trapping defense to start the final period. It befuddled the Rockets for a time, creating some turnovers and giving Lyon a chance to tie the game at 34 with 5:50 to play. From there, Crittenden's seniors

took over. Dickerson, who finished with a career-high 17 points, scored 10 down the stretch. Colby Watson and Young were near perfect during the Rockets' 25-1 scoring run over the final minutes. Coach Hodge credited his guards for leading the team's 2-3 zone to a successful defense of Lyon's sharp-shooting backcourt. Senior Lyon guard Jerico Wilkerson, who had 27 in Lyon's huge win over CCHS at Eddyville in January, had 10. Their other three-point specialist, sophomore Jack Rooyakkers, had a dozen points, six fewer than when Crittenden lost to the Lyons. The teams had split during the regular season, winning on their home floors. “They shot very well at their place,” Dickerson said. “We had a game plan to limit (Wilkerson and Rooyakkers) touches and shots.”

Ticket punched, but no cork

popping until Friday's finale

STAFF REPORT
Sure, the Rocket Nation is poised to celebrate Crittenden County's girls' berth in a Second Region Tournament that Marion will host next week, but don't uncork the bottles just yet. Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge says her gals are determined to enter the regional tourney at their home floor as a champion, not a district runnerup. The Fifth District's top seed, Crittenden County (16-10), beat the bottom-seeded Trigg County Lady Wildcats (15-11) Tuesday in a lopsided game at Smithland – which wasn't as close as its 63-38 final score. Crittenden dominated the opening-round matchup from start to finish and coach Hodge started unloading her bench early. It was a pretty good way to dust off the snow and get back into the gym, except for an injury to senior point guard Mallory McDowell. McDowell left the game with 5:30 to go in the second period. She limped off the court and told her coach that she felt something pop in her ankle. McDowell averages 6 points, 4 rebounds

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
All Games at Smithland
Tuesday Scores
Crittenden 63, Trigg County 38
Lyon County 43, Livingston 40
Friday's Game
Championship 7 p.m.

Crittenden 63, Trigg 38
Trigg County 7 8 11 12
Crittenden County 19 19 10 15
TRIGG - Martin 2, Mize 12, Grey 11, Oliver 6, Chaney 2, Shelton 2, Brown, Davenport, Simpson, Hughes, Noffsinger 3, Bush, Danall, FG 14. 3-pointers 1 (Noffsinger). FT 9-17. Fouls 23.
CRITTENDEN - McDowell 2, Oliver 19, C.Moss 17, Lynch 10, Evans, Nesbitt 4, K.Moss 5, Riley, Pierce, Champion, Davis 2, Collins, Beverly 4, Barnes. FG 25. 3-pointers 2 (C.Moss). FT 11-24. Fouls 12.

and 4 assists a game. She's the steering wheel for the girls' offense and also draws a tough defensive assignment. Coach Hodge thinks McDowell will be able to play in Friday's district championship against Lyon County although the senior sat out the entire second half Tuesday against Trigg. “She's a tough nut in a



small package,” Hodge said. If McDowell is hampered by the ankle injury, Hodge says senior Chelsea Oliver and sophomores Cassidy Moss and Amanda Lynch will have to spend more time handling the ball. Oliver scored 19 against Trigg and Moss had 17. Lynch scored 10 in what the Lady Rocket coach called Lynch's “best game of the year.” Lyon County (19-8) has the third best record in the entire region, but Crittenden has beaten the Lady Lyons once and had them



Crittenden senior Chelsea (21) Oliver defends Trigg's Mallory Mize on the perimeter (above) while senior Mallory McDowell props her injured ankle on the lap of classmate Kayla Davis (above left) during the second half. In the bottom photo, sophomore Kiana Nesbitt (32) tries to win the ball.

on the ropes in the All A Classic at Marion before losing by 7. Coach Hodge says her girls know Lyon's vulnerabilities and will have to exploit them as they have at times this season. Lyon is minus one senior – Rachel Williams – who tore an ACL a few weeks ago. Still, Lyon County puts five girls on the floor who are able to handle

the ball and each can score off the dribble. “We have got to continue focusing on what we do well and not psyche ourselves out about the other team being so good at this or that,” Hodge said. The Lady Lyons earned their trip to the final game by beating tournament host Livingston Central by three Tuesday.

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

All Games at Smithland
Monday's Scores
Trigg County 61, Livingston Central 47
Crittenden 59, Lyon County 35
Thursday's Championship Game
Trigg County vs. Crittenden Co.,, 7pm

Scoring Summary
Trigg County 61, Livingston 47
TRIGG – Davenport 11, Nance 18, Mays 3, Wilson 4, Day 23, Hayden, Triplet, Bingham, Hendricks.
LIVINGSTON – Ramage 13, Ray 9, Sloma 1, Gilbert 2, Rodgers 4, Dean 4, Hosick 14, Kitchens, Head, Bebout, Wood.

The strategy worked perfectly and Crittenden's offense was hitting on all cylinders. Four players finished in double figures. As a team Crittenden made nearly half of its eight three-point shots and at the line the Rockets were deadly. Young, Dickerson and Dakota Watson missed a combined two of their 20 foul shots. “This was a quality win,” Rocket Hodge said.

The coach explained that his game plan for Trigg will be a bit different. For Lyon, it focused on shutting down the perimeter. With Trigg, the plan moves inside where big Davenport Day is a man in the paint. “Trigg County is good. With the transfer they have out front (K.J. Davenport) they're even more athletic and can shoot the ball. Day is extremely tough on the boards. We have to limit his rebounds. We certainly can't give up 16 points to him on rebounds,” Hodge said, recalling what the big center did last time the teams played. Crittenden split with Trigg this season, too. In their regular-season series, the Rockets won the opening matchup at Cadiz while Day was suspended from the team and Davenport had yet to arrive. The Wildcats dispatched the Rockets 57-48 at Marion on Jan. 17.

Crittenden 59, Lyon 35
Lyon County 6 8 13 8
Crittenden County 14 10 10 25
LYON – Ray, J.Rooyakkers 12, B.Rooyakkers 3, Jo.Wilkerson 4, Je.Wilkerson 10, Mincey, Wilson, Wadlington, Murphey 2, Board, Gilbert. FG 13-43. 3-pointers 2-15 (J.Rooyakkers, B.Rooyakkers). FT 7-16. Rebounds 19 (Murphey 5). Fouls 23.
CRITTENDEN – Young 13, Hollis 2, Dickerson 17, Watson 12, Driver, Hadfield, Hicks 5, C.Watson 10, Lundy, Stephens. FG 19-34. 3-pointers 3-8 (Young, Dickerson, Hicks). FT 18-26. Rebounds 35 (C.Watson 8). Fouls 14.

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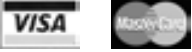
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Bid Notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit sealed bids for the 2016 yearbook and school pictures. Please submit bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, Ky. 42064. Bids will be accepted until March 12, 2015 at 2 p.m., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend, however, no immediate decision will be made. For bid specifications, please contact Vanessa Shewcraft at (270) 965-2281 or email: vanessa.shewcraft@crittenden.kyschools.us. (1t-34-c)

Bid Notice

Sheridan Fire Department is seeking sealed bids for the 2015 mowing season. Bids must be received prior to March 10 business meeting. Mail bids to Sheridan Fire Department, 51 Coy Watson Rd., Marion, KY 42064. For questions,

call (270) 969-4878 or (270) 969-0004 after 4 p.m. (2t-34-c)

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Sealed bids for Fire Department trucks are being accepted through Feb. 28, 2015 for 1979 Chevy 1 Ton and 1995 Ford ¾ Ton, clutch is out, hard to start when hot. Mail bids to P.O. Box 324, Marion, Ky. 42064. Can reject or accept any bid. Bids will be opened March 2 at 7 p.m. (3t-34-c)

Legal Notice

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Valerie Roberson of 88 Mill Road, Marion, KY. 42064, administratrix of Jessica Lynn. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District on March 18, 2015. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Crittenden District Court

Melissa Guill, Clerk
(1t-34-c)

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00094
FIFTH THIRD
MORTGAGE COMPANY
PLAINTIFF VS.
HENRY ACKER, ET AL.
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the February 12, 2015, I will on Friday, March 13, 2015, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 315 North College Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064

DESCRIPTION:

The following described property in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Parcel 1:

Lots Nos. 5 and 6 in Block No. 1 of the O'Bryan's addition to the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky. The Plat of same being of record in Deed Book No. 13 at Page 92, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Parcel 2:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

One Town lot in the Town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, on the West side of College Street, fronting on said Street 72 feet and running back 200 feet to an alley. This conveyance includes all of Lot No. 4 and part of Lot of Lot No. 3 in Block 1, O'Bryan's Addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by plat recorded in Deed Book No. 16, Page 400.

Less and Except a small lot and being part of Lot #4 and part of Lot #3 in Block 1 O'Bryan Addition to the Town of Marion, Kentucky and the lot conveyed by this deed is the West end of the property which was conveyed to Mrs. Emma Kate Brightman by Sylvan Clark et ux and said lot hereby conveyed fronts 72 feet on the alley and runs back Eastward full width of said Lot of 72 feet for a distance of 80 feet, making the lot so conveyed a Lot 72 feet fronting on said alley and running back for a distance of 80 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Emma Kate Brightman by Sylvan Clark, and his wife Geneva Clark by Deed dated June 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 100 at Page 92 in the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Subject to :The above described property is subject to a contract and sewer line easement granted by Emma Kate Brightman to Sylvan and Geneva Clark dated June 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 100, at Page 89.

Being the same property conveyed to Henry Acker, single who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Melinda Acker, single, dated August 3, 2005, recorded December 29, 2005, at Deed Book 204, Page 46, Crittenden County, Kentucky records.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the 18th day of

February, 2015.

Robert B. Frazer

MASTER COMMISSIONER

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c)

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION 14-CI-00105

FEDERAL NATIONAL

MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

PLAINTIFF VS.

MANDI JO WINDERS

UNKOWN DEFENDANT,

SPOUSE OF MANDI JO

WINDERS DEFENDANT

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Property Address: 237 West Carlisle Street, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:

A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being Crittenden County Kentucky on the North side of West Carlisle Street, in Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake or stone on the North side of West Carlisle Street, corner to B.J. Easley, and being the S.W. corner of Easley's lot and the S.E. corner to the lot conveyed by this deed; thence

North or nearly so with Easley's line 90 feet to a stake or stone corner to first parties; thence West course a straight line parallel to Carlisle Street 74 feet to a stake or stone on the North side of Carlisle Street; thence East course with North line of said street 74 feet to the point of beginning.

Also included in an easement appurtenant for a sewer line across an adjoining tract as conveyed to predecessors in title by Ozlas Andrews et ux. Said easement is recorded in Deed Book 106, at Page 336, Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Mandi Jo Winders, single, from Kenneth Ray Belt and Dolores Belt, husband and wife, by deed dated November 20, 2006 and recorded on November 21, 2006 in Deed Book 201, Page 21, Crittenden County Clerk's Office

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
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Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00090

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL

TRUST COMPANY,

PLAINTIFF

AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST

FRANKLIN MORTGAGE

LOAN TRUST 2006-FF3,

ASSET-BACKED

CERTIFICATES, SERIES

2006-FF3 VS.

HOWARD M. MYERS

DEFENDANTS

JASON S. MYERS

DEBBIE MYERS

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der the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 3677 Highway 60 West, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the North side of U.S. 60 about 2.8 miles West of Marion and being a corner to Dr. Thomas Shemwell; thence with his line N 52 1/2 West 345 feet to an ash marked as a corner; thence with another of his lines N 49 E 140 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with a new division line S 52 1/2 E 345 feet to a stake on the North side of said highway, also a new corner; thence with said highway S 49 W 140 feet to the beginning, containing 1.1 acre, by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated August 31, 1974.

Parcel 11:

A certain small tract of parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the North side of U.S. 60, being 30 feet from the center of the highway and about 2.8 miles Southwest of Marion, and also being 140 feet South 49 west of Arthur Yandell's corner, thence with original line N 52 1/4 W 345 feet to an ash and stone, original corner to Shemwell; thence with a New division line S 49 W 20 feet to an iron pin on the North side of U.S. 60, a new corner; thence with said highway N 49 E 20 feet to the beginning, containing 0.15 acre by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated October 7, 1978.

Being the same property conveyed to Howard M. Myers and his wife, Debbie Myers, by virtue of a deed from Mary Ann Wheeler, a single person, dated November 04, 2005, filed November 05, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 203, Page 422, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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Snow woes

Coleman Bebout (left) and Bart Frazer work to unstop the guttering system Saturday at the office of Frazer and Massey Attorneys at Law on the corner of South Main and East Carlisle streets in Marion. Heavy snow from last week had piled up on the roof, causing a leak.

GARBAGE

Continued from Page 1

the monthly cost of residential collection without use of the company's bins will be \$14.45. The rate will be \$16 per month for those utilizing the uniform receptacles offered by the company.

Currently, Freedom Waste customers in the county who use their own trash cans pay \$12.35 per month. Those who do use the company-provided bins are now paying \$15.45 per month.

The decision by the county to allow residential customers to use their own trash cans appears to run counter to the results of a customer survey claimed by Freedom Waste, but was in line with the feedback received by Newcom and magistrates.

Calls to the Freedom Waste's office in Princeton seeking comment on the agreement proposed by the county had not been returned at press time.

In December, Freedom Waste representatives presented the fiscal court with two basic options for residential collection in their proposed contract with the county for garbage collection. One would see rate increases for all customers, but would allow each to choose whether to use company-provided bins or their own trash cans. The other would require all customers to utilize the company's 64- or 96-gallon wheeled carts, but would lower the monthly cost for those already utilizing what are sometimes referred to as herbie curbies.

The suggestion for mandatory company bin use was made out of safety concerns, according to Buchanan. He explained to the fiscal court that if all customers utilize the company's carts, garbage trucks with mechanical arms could be used to lift the bins into the truck without the operator having to exit the truck, thereby making it safer for the operator.

Members of the fiscal court had been awaiting the results of a survey conducted by Freedom Waste that presented customers with the two options for collection. Newcom said Friday that the company reported only 20 percent of the people surveyed in the county responded, but of that number, 80 percent wanted mandatory cart service.

However, customer feedback to members of the fiscal went the other direction. "Of the people I did speak with, they were not in favor of the mandatory cart," said Newcom.

The survey, apparently, was sent to only a portion of current Freedom Waste customers in the county.

Some magistrates had previously expressed reservations about requiring customers to use Freedom Waste's bins. They said it could be difficult for some to wheel the large receptacles up and down their drives, particularly the elderly, those with special needs or those whose home sits quite a distance from the roadside where the trash is collected.

That, coupled with local feedback, was the reason the solid waste committee suggested the county's agreement with Freedom Waste allow residents to use their own trash cans. The commit-

tee is comprised of Newcom, Johnson, Buntin, Underdown, Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padget and Sheriff Wayne Agent.

Also in the proposed contract, Freedom Waste will pay the fiscal court a franchise fee of 5 percent of all residential and commercial billing collected.

Freedom Waste has been operating in the county without a franchise agreement since the end of last year when the previous contract expired. However, the company was the only one to submit a bid for solid waste collection in the county beyond the end of 2014.

"We don't have a lot to choose from, because nobody else bid on it," said Buntin.

If the contract submitted to Freedom Waste is accepted, it would be retroactive to Jan. 1. Because Freedom Waste has already reportedly billed for the first quarter of 2015 at 2014 monthly rates, the next round of bills for customers, warn magistrates, could be higher than expected in order for the company to accommodate for lost revenue during the first quarter of 2015.

Freedom Waste is the only licensed provider contracted with the county to pick up residential trash. However, commercial entities in the county retain the right to negotiate their own contracts with solid waste collection companies.

Aside from Freedom Waste, the only other legal option for residents to get rid of garbage is disposal at the county's convenience center just outside of Marion. Rates for the typical individual dumping at the convenience center run from \$2 for one trash bag to \$18 for a fully-loaded small truck or \$35 for a fully-loaded full-size truck.

Newcom said it's typically cheaper for individuals to pay for curbside pick-up than to utilize the convenience center.

Several other items were acted upon by the fiscal court, including:

Body armor

A resolution was approved authorizing the judge-executive to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security seeking law enforcement protection program grants for four body armor vests for the sheriff's department. Sheriff Wayne Agent said the grants, if received, pay 100 percent of the cost for the protective gear.

"We do it every five years, and so far, we've gotten the grant each time," the sheriff said.

Unified police protection

A resolution was passed for the county to join the Western Kentucky Unified Police Protection System, which is essentially an inter-local agreement between several area cities and counties that would allow law enforcement officers to better work cases that typically cross jurisdictional boundaries.

"If several counties get this agreement, we would have the same powers in those counties as we have here," said Sheriff Agent. "It would allow other counties to do the same in Crittenden County."

Already in Kentucky, there is the Bluegrass and Central

Detention center maintains capacity under new jailer

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center is full, according to the most recent census reported to Crittenden Fiscal Court by Jailer Robbie Kirk.

At Friday's fiscal court meeting, Kirk, who took over operation of the jail in November, reported the average daily inmate count for January was 142, up eight from the average in January 2014. The jail, as of Friday, was populated with 137 inmates, including seven serving weekend sentences.

Though the jail was constructed with 133 beds, inmates in addition to that number can be placed on temporary cots.

"We're glad to see you're keeping it full," Magistrate Dan Wood told Kirk. "It's a big deal for us."

The more income the jail generates through housing inmates, the less reliant it is on the fiscal court to cover

budget shortfalls. For example, during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014, the county transferred \$669,000 from its general fund to keep the jail's budget balanced. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said debt service alone on the \$7.6 million jail was \$731,419 in 2014.

Friday's morning's inmate count included 112 state inmates, five federal and one from another county, all generating income for the jail. There were 12 inmates housed on Crittenden County charges. Those prisoners do not bring in income for the jail. The seven weekenders may or may not generate money for the jail, depending on whether they are serving time for local charges.

Kirk reported housing income of \$110,383 for January, with all but \$6,679 coming from holding state inmates at \$31.34 per day.

proximately \$1,836.

"It comes out the same, really," said Newcom.

The request was brought before the fiscal court by County Clerk Carolyn Byford, the county's chief election officer.

"We're not going to be hurt by doing this," Byford said.

In fact, the move will save the county \$2,500 by a reduction in the cost of a new computer system used for election programs and reporting to the state on election night.

Byford said the current system is about 10 years old and needs to be replaced, according to Hart InterCivic Inc., the Texas company that supplies Harp Enterprises with the voting systems it uses to provide counties election service.

Because the county opted to go with monthly installments to Harp Enterprises, the company is reducing the cost of implementing the new system from \$7,500 to \$5,000.

Food bank appointment

Ron Padget was appointed to the board of directors of Crittenden County Food Bank. Padget has served in that capacity in the past and has volunteered with the charity for years.

Dam 50 boat dock

A resolution was approved supporting the county's bid for a federal Land & Water Conservation Fund grant to build a portable boat dock at Riverview Park at Dam 50.

Currently, there is no dock at the park that lies on the Ohio River at the end of Ky. 387.

The request, which will be facilitated by Pennyriple Area Development District, is for a 50/50 matching grant of \$60,000 to establish a boat dock with as many as four slips. That means the county would be responsible for \$30,000 of the cost to install the dock.

The county was denied the grant last year.

"Try, try again, as the saying goes," said Newcom.

A public hearing on the grant request was held earlier this month. Several local officials expressed their support for the dock for both safety reasons and for the park's further development as a tourist attraction.

Letters of support and signatures backing the request for funds are still being taken at the judge-executive's office. They will be included in the grant application packet as a show of community support for the project.

UK Week

A resolution was OK'd supporting "UK Week," which all this week recognizes the sesquicentennial anniversary of the University of Kentucky. The flagship university of the state was established in 1865.

Election payments

The fiscal court opted to move to paying a monthly fee to the county's election service provider rather than pay the hefty bills following each election as it has in the past. Instead of paying one lump sum to Lexington-based Harp Enterprises Inc. of up to \$15,000 for the cost of an election in the county, the fee will now be spread out over 48 monthly payments of ap-

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“I cannot say enough good things about the team that took care of me during my tonsillectomy. Dr. Hawkins and his wife as well as nurse Rashelle Perryman and anesthesiologist Terry Durham treated me just like I was family. For that, I am thankful. I sincerely appreciate the kindness and exceptional treatment I received at CHS. Our community is blessed to have a healthcare facility that is dedicated to its patients' health and well-being.”
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